

Rescue Your Lake

Fueling Practices

- ✓ Ensure boat stability when fueling.
- ✓ Fill your fuel tanks carefully—don't "top off"!
- ✓ Use a spill-proof gasoline container.
- ✓ Use "oil-only" absorbent pads in the bilge to catch spills and an absorbent "doughnut" while fueling. Wrap used pads in plastic and put in trash.
- ✓ Never use soaps or detergents to clean up oil spills.
- ✓ Close the vent on portable gas tanks when the engine is not in use or when the tank is stored.
- ✓ Whenever possible, refuel personal watercrafts (PWCs), ice augers, and boats on land and away from the water.



Engine Maintenance

- ✓ Maintain engines to manufacturers instructions, including regular tuning and service
- ✓ Repair gas and oil leaks immediately.
- ✓ Prepare engines properly for winter storage. Do not fog the engine in the lake.
- ✓ Limit engine operation at full throttle and eliminate unnecessary idling.
- ✓ Check, clean and flush the engine away from the water. Contain all waste and dispose of it properly.
- ✓ Recycle used oil, filters, anti-freeze and batteries
- ✓ Use biodegradable oils and lubricants when possible.



Low Polluting Marine Engines

- ✓ Buy a new outboard engine or PWC that meets or exceeds 2006 emissions standards. These 4-stroke and direct-injection 2-stroke engines:
 - Use up to 50 percent less fuel and lube oil.
 - Reduce air pollution up to 88 percent.
 - Are significantly quieter, reduce smoke and fumes.
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Invasive Weeds

- ✓ Remove all plant materials from boats, motors, trailers, anchor and fishing equipment before and after launching.
- ✓ Flush engine cooling water to expel plant fragments.
- ✓ Dispose of plant debris, engine cooling water and livewell water away from open water on high, dry land.
- ✓ Avoid weedy waters.
- ✓ Lend a hand: take a Plant Patrol workshop, volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspector or to distribute fliers and inform other boaters.
- ✓ Don't forget your annual Boat Sticker; it funds program that protect Maine waters from invaders!



Sewage Disposal

- ✓ It is illegal to discharge raw sewage and gray water from a boat in inland waters.
- ✓ All boats with installed toilets must have a properly functioning MSD.
- ✓ Avoid holding tank additives that contain formaldehyde, chlorine or "preservatives".
- ✓ Plan ahead--use shore-side bathroom facilities.
- ✓ If you have any questions about how to use the pumpout facilities, ASK FIRST!
- ✓ Pump out wastes regularly and before you store your boat for the winter.
- ✓ Regularly maintain and clean the boat's plumbing and venting systems.
- ✓ If your boat doesn't have an installed toilet, pack out all wastes.
- ✓ Use "swim diapers" on young children and dispose of used diapers in trash.
- ✓ Pick up after your pet, dispose of waste in trash can.



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